

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2025
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

Councillors: M Cockbill, D Gunnis, G Fairbairn, D Fee, S Greenbank, J Jackson & P Styche

Apologies: J Constable

4 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

May – Nothing

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

No further updates received

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £155,575 which includes the recent sale of the Amen Field.

The work on the porch will hopefully start in the next 2 weeks, just waiting for the bat reports but it has been confirmed there are no bats present.

Tenders had been received for the kitchen/wc at £99,000 and £72,000 so plan is to look into applying for a grant through the National Lottery for funds towards the kitchen/wc, clock and gate.

Cllr Cockbill asked if the church could use The Green for the annual envelope collection date and to provide refreshments – all agreed and in favour.

Upcoming events -

12th July – Barber Shop Choir

Also hoping to get a speaker for a garden talk in early July

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

Kirsty Mills attended the meeting to update on the playing field. There are currently 4 committee members, but it is running without any issues at the moment, all the play equipment is in good working order and the grass is being cut regularly.

The 200 club has 114 members with £120 paid out in prize money each month. They currently have £150 in the main bank account and £6500 in a separate account which has been kept as an emergency fund for repairs etc.

The football club help with paying the gas and electric and the PC pay for the grass cutting.

The tenure for the lease is still being sorted which will have the tennis, playing field and football all included on it giving the football club the opportunity to apply for grants.

The pavilion is not fit for purpose so the big plan is, if a grant can be obtained, to renovate and extend the toilets and changing rooms.

The Councillors all agreed that if they can help in anyway they would be willing to and suggested may be beneficial to have a separate meeting to include members of all the clubs.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

The group is working well and have got through a lot of jobs. The churchyard and The Green are both looking good.

The Wyre Path was discussed and the team are going to put this on the list to look at. Clerk will contact ERYC to check if road planings could still be sourced as used a couple of years ago on the footpath near the church.

Cllr Gunnis also brought up that the path leading out of the churchyard is very slippery when wet. They will look to speak to the resident whose land this is.

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(2648) Public Footpath Signs

Ongoing

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

Cllr Greenbank advised that the post was going to be more expensive than originally thought at £393+vat and that the defibrillator needs to be relocated within 8 weeks as the shop is going to be refurbished. This was discussed and Cllr Gunnis proposed the post be ordered Cllr Cockbill seconded – all in favour.

(2657) End of World War 2

Madam Chairman praised and thanked everyone who organised the event as it was a very enjoyable night but just a bit disappointing that there were not more residents there. All in favour of the PC paying £200 for the singer for the night and Cllr Smales advised that the event raised approximately £580 for the Church.

(2659) Accounts Review

Clerk had received a quote from Zurich for the insurance, for a 1year deal £1967.06 or 3years £1794.17. After going back to Clears Council the Clerk had got the quote down to a 3 year deal for £1842.98. All in favour of staying with Clear Councils and committing to a 3 year tied in deal.

(2660) The Green

Cllr Fee had applied for a grant through the Aldbrough Community Investment Fund and had notification that a grant for £1950 had been approved.

After further discussions it was agreed that picnic benches on The Green may not be the best option as we don't want them to look out of place, so needs further thought.

The grant funds could be used for 2 picnic benches for the playing field and the remainder of the money could be used for maintenance of Wyre Path.

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Clerk had received acknowledgement from ERYC who agreed that the tree did need to be trimmed and this will be added to their arboriculture works programme.

Cllr Styche asked if the Clerk could contact ERYC to see if the trees on the Main Road near the school could be trimmed as some of the bigger farm vehicles were hitting them.

(2662) Bedding Plants

These have all been planted by the maintenance team, just awaiting the bill from Sheppard's.

(2663) 24-25 Accounts

Clerk advised that gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ended 31st March 2025 and therefore could certify as exempt from a limited assurance review. She also confirmed Joanne Freeman had completed an audit of the annual accounts. Income & Expenditure 2024-2025 report given to Cllrs.

All in favour of Madam Chairman signing accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Correspondence

Cllr Greenbank had been to the property in Westlands Road and believes the main problem is that the footpath cambers, so all the water runs down into the bungalow.

Clerk had heard back from Samantha Whyte with the same response that ERYC do not own this land and suggested the homeowners contact the land registry to ascertain who owns the land.

Cllr Straker will chase the agent about meeting with the resident.

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Clerk had received an email from someone interested in possibly buying The Barn on Boggle Lane and asking about planning requirements. Clerk to go back to them redirecting them to ERYC planning website.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages May 2025	£ 376.67
Clear Insurance Management	Insurance	£1842.98
Mrs J Freeman	Audit of Accounts	£ 100.00
St Swithins Parochial Church	Donation	£ 200.00

Cllr Jackson proposed, Cllr Smales seconded – all in favour.

Planning Applications

Erection of egg laying unit with associated feed bins, egg packing and storage building, hardstanding, access track, drainage and upgraded access – Moor Farm, Long Lane, Humbleton, HU11 4ND – Knapton Farms Ltd – 25/01254/PLF – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Council Box

Nothing

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed Date